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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL JAN 28

REF: GATT/AIR/1060 JAN 18

1. REFAIR ANNOUNCED GATT COUNCIL WILL MEET JAN 28. AGENDA WITH MISSION COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

(1) REPORT ON TEXTILES L/3981. COUNCIL SHOULD
ADOPT REPORT. COMMENT: SEC ADVISES US THAT THUS FAR
ONLY U.S. HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED UNQUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE
(EC AND JAPAN HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED ANYTHING TO SEC). AS REPORTED GENEVA 229, DG HAS CIRCULATED NOTIFICATION OF HIS
UNDERSTANDING 60-DAY PERIOD FOR
PARA 1 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT BEGAN
JAN 1, 1974. SECRETARIAT OFFICER (VAN TUINEN) TOLD
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US HE THINKS THIS INITIATIVE BY DG MAY RAISE SOME

LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR CP'S WHO MAY HAVE TO SUBMIT TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT TO DOMESTIC RATIFICATION PROCESS. WE WILL ENDEAVOR IN COURSE NEXT WEEK ASCERTAIN FROM LONG AND PATTERSON (BOTH OUT OF TOWN THIS WEEK) WHETHER ANYTHING MORE THAN ROUTINE APPROVAL (PLUS PERHAPS SOME SPEECHES) IS ANTICIPATED IN COUNCIL. GUIDANCE REQUESTED IF WASH WISHES US TO DO MORE THAN CONFIRM U.S. ACCEPTANCE AND EXPRESS GRATIFICATION FOR SUCCESSFUL RESULT OF THIS DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION.

- (2) PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF SURCHARGE AND WAIVER REQUEST. SEE GENEVA 249.
- (3) EC-TURKEY SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AND INTERIM AGREEMENT. L/3980 CIRCULARED AND POUCHED JAN 17 CONTAINS TEXTS SIGNED JUNE 30, 1973 CONCERNING MODI-FICATIONS OF EC (OF SIX)-TURKEY ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT AS CONSEQUENCE UK/DEN/IRELAND ACCESSION TO EC. ISSUE FOR GATT COUNCIL IS WHETHER SIMPLY TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE DOCS OR DOES ANY CP FEEL DETAILED EXAMINATION BY WORKING PARTY REQUIRED. MISSION BELIEVES MODIFI-CATIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL AND DO NOT REQUIRE W.P. EXAM. IF WASHINGTON CONSIDERS INFO ALREADY AVAILABLE (REF EC A-271 JULY 12, 1973 AND ANKARA'S 4485 JUNE 5, 1973) ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THIS INTER-PRETATION, SUGGEST WE BE AUTHORIZED TO NOTE REQPORTS. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD RESERVE RIGHT TO REQUEST WP EXAM IF WE FIND NEED FOR IT AFTER INTERESTED AGENCIES HAVE TIME TO ANALYZE L/3980.
- (4) BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT L/3980 LEASE FOR NEW GATT HEADQUARTERS. STATE 2043 AUTHORIZES US TO APPROVE.
- (5) SCHEDULE OF BOP CONSULTATIONS C/W/235 REV. 1. ROUTINE APPROVAL EXPECTED.
- 2. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JAN 28.BASSIN

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